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The Examiner states that Claims 1-13 and 19 are objected to because of various informalities.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1, line 11 "said tunable down converter" to read --said tunable down converter unit--.

Applicant has further amended Claim 2, line 2, Claim 8, line 1 and Claim 9, line 2, respectively, "said RF units" to read --said RF receiver units--.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the objections related to informalities in Claims 3-7, 10-13 and 19 are now overcome.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More precisely, the Examiner states that Claim 3 recites the limitation "said selection signal" in line 6 and there is insufficient antecedent basis.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended "said selection signal" to read --a selection signal-- at line 6 of Claim 3.

The Examiner further states that in Claim 18, the recited "...a management unit and comprising the steps of" is vague.

Applicant has canceled Claim 18.

With respect to the limitation "the central processing unit" in lines 1-2 of Claim 19, the Examiner states that there is insufficient antecedent basis.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended "the central processing unit" to read --the interpreter-- at line 1 at Claim 19.

With respect to Claim 7, the Examiner points out that Claim 7 depends on Claim 3.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended "in claim 3" to read --in claim 4--.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bexten (US Patent N°6,205,133).

The Examiner states at Page 5 of the Examination Report that "Bexten does not teach the combination of elements recited above and the management

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unit setting the parameters for the filter, down converter units and the switch upon reception of a request". Furthermore, the Examiner states, at point 5 of the Office action, that "Claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Applicant has therefore amended original Claim 14 and has inserted the limitations of original Claim 18.

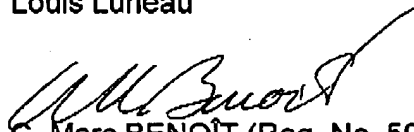
Applicant believes that Claims 15-17 are patentable in view of Bexten ('133) as Claims 15-17 are dependent from Claim 14 which is now believed to be patentable in view of Bexten ('133).

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the rejection of new claims 1-19 is respectfully requested. It is believed that new claims 1-19 are allowable over the prior art and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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